

Weekly Views

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Correction**

*"It is wonderful what
strength of purpose and
boldness and energy of will
are roused by the assurance
that we are doing our duty."
~Walter Scott*

Friday, September 19, 2008

In recognition of National Recovery Month, Westville Correctional Facility's Therapeutic Community hosted a Field Day for all 436 TC offenders. The TC's Creative Energy Group led the offenders in track and field events and competitions. TC staff manned the grills and served the offenders a picnic lunch.

The Pendleton Correctional Facility recently conducted a recognition program for the most recent graduates of the facility's Level One outside dorm Inside/Out Dad program. 11 offenders were presented with certificates during the event.

This week, 4 students from the Camp Atterbury Job Corps began a six-week internship at the Edinburgh Correctional Facility. The students will receive training for the positions of correctional officer and maintenance foreman. This is the second group of interns to have participated in the program.

Miami Correctional Facility recently participated in the Miami County Battle of the Badges Blood Drive. MCF staff donated a total of 52 good units, which is nearly half of the total 105 units, which gave the Battle's trophy to the law enforcement team.

Putnamville Correctional Facility hosted a wellness fair this week. Employees from Curves, Hoosier Start, Dr. Bonham- Eye Specialist, Edward Jones Investment, Granger and North Safety Product, Koosner Fire Prevention Companies, and National City Bank all manned booths to promote the physical, mental and financial wellness of staff.

The Pendleton Correctional Facility "Shifting Gears" Bicycle Refurbishing Program recently donated 51 bikes to the Pendleton Amvets, 25 bikes to the Indianapolis Metropolitan High School and 15 bicycles to the Greenfield Center for Christ. Since January 2008, over 1,000 bicycles have been received by the facility for refurbishing and over 500 bikes have been refurbished and donated to charitable organizations.

Correctional Industrial Facility held a two-day food sale. The departmental competition raised \$213.06 in recognition of the State Employees' Community Campaign, with all proceeds being donated to the Make a Wish Foundation.

The Edinburgh Correctional Facility kicked off SECC week by having an Ice Cream Social for staff that raised \$60. The facility will have more events in the upcoming weeks.

The Pendleton Correctional Facility recently conducted a "Reality Check" program for five 5 at risk youth from the Muncie area. The program provides an opportunity for participants to hear offenders relate the factors that resulted in their incarceration in hope of deterring young people from a life of crime.

Correctional Industrial Facility took in 8 Mixed Mutts from the nearby shelter this week. The name of the program is F+I+D=O which stands for Faith+Inmate+Dogs = Opportunity. Since then, handlers have spent time socializing and familiarizing themselves with their perspective dogs.

Miami Correctional Facility, along with Oakland City University, recently began offering offenders an Associate Degree of Applied Science in Horticulture. This two-year college degree program will make use of the greenhouse with an educational opportunity for about 20 offenders and will also provide plants and items to beautify the prison grounds.

The Indiana Women's Prison Annual Program Review was held this week. The committee found IWP to be in 100 % compliance with the ACA standards and 96.8 % for the non-mandatory standards.

From the Office of Edwin G. Buss, Commissioner